

Academic Development

The units in Academic Development are designed to assist students K-12 in developing the academic skills necessary to be successful in the classroom and in life. The three major areas covered in Academic Development are:

Applying skills needed for educational achievement.

Major Points: The emphasis in this area is developing “academic self efficacy.” This includes instilling the belief that every individual can set and attain academic goals. Self-management, study and test taking skills are systematically and intentionally taught to every K-12 student. Sources of help are available for students; they are taught to recognize the need for academic assistance and where and how to get help.

Applying the skills of transitioning between educational levels.

Major Points: The learning within this area includes helping K-12 students acquire the information necessary to make smooth transitions from grade to grade and setting to setting (e.g. elementary school to middle school; school to post-secondary options). Understanding expectations of teachers and requirements of subject areas are examples of information that will help students understand the changes required by transitions.

Developing and monitoring personal educational plans.

Major Points: The Missouri School Improvement Program requires all students to have individual educational and career plans that are initiated no later than 8th grade. This area places emphasis on the knowledge, understanding and skills K-12 students need in order to develop a meaningful educational plan. Specific tasks include: learning to set goals; developing a plan to reach goals; knowing where to go for information/assistance; reviewing and modifying plans.

UNIT DESCRIPTION: Moving On...Transitioning To High School Students will explore the similarities and differences between middle and high school, and they will be introduced to a variety of high school concepts such as: academic credits, the differences between core and elective credits, the number of credits needed for promotion, extracurricular offerings, and the meaning of grade point average and how it correlates with credits and participation in extracurricular activities.		SUGGESTED UNIT TIMELINE: 2 Lessons CLASS PERIOD: 50 minutes each				
ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS: 1. How do you feel about new experiences?						
ESSENTIAL MEASURABLE LEARNING OBJECTIVES	CCSS LEARNING GOALS (Anchor Standards/Clusters)	CROSSWALK TO STANDARDS				
		GLEs/CLEs	PS	CCSS	OTHER ASCA	DOK
1. The student will identify five skills necessary to transition to high school.		AD.5.A.08: Identify the information and skills necessary to transition to high school.		SL.8.1 SL.8.2 L.8.1 L.8.2 L.8.3 L.8.4 L.8.5 L.8.6	AD A. Students will acquire the attitudes, knowledge and skills contributing to effective learning in school and across the lifespan.	Level 2
2. The student will confirm their understanding of graduation requirements, credit, core classes, and electives, and GPA by completing the <i>Moving On</i> checklist.		AD.5.A.08		SL.8.1 SL.8.2 L.8.1 L.8.2 L.8.3 L.8.4 L.8.5 L.8.6 RST.6-8.2 RST.6-8.4	AD A	Level 2

3. The student will list five extracurricular activities they are interested in.		AD.5.A.08		SL.8.1 SL.8.2 L.8.1 L.8.2 L.8.3 L.8.4 L.8.5 L.8.6	AD A	Level 2
4. The student will list three questions they have about high school based on the results of their checklist.		AD.5.A.08		SL.8.1 SL.8.2 L.8.1 L.8.2 L.8.3 L.8.4 L.8.5 L.8.6	AD A	Level 2
ASSESSMENT DESCRIPTIONS*: Checklist / Short answer questionnaire True, active assessment will take place during the development of the Personal Educational Plan. The development of the Personal Plan of Study (Four Year Plan) will take place after both lessons are presented It is advised that the counselor meet with each student individually to develop and/or finalize each student's Personal Educational Plan.						
Obj. #	INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES (research-based): (Teacher Methods)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Experiential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent study <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interactive Instruction					
1	See Lessons:					
2	Lesson 1 Give Yourself Some Credit					
3	Lesson 2 Options and Extras!!! Learn All About It!!!					
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Obj. #	INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES: (What Students Do)				
1	See Lessons:				
2	Lesson 1 Give Yourself Some Credit				
3	Lesson 2 Options and Extras!!! Learn All About It!!!				
4					
	<u>Direct:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structured Overview (Ls. 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lecture (Ls. 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Explicit Teaching <input type="checkbox"/> Drill & Practice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compare & Contrast (Ls. 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Didactic Questions <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrations <input type="checkbox"/> Guided & Shared - reading, listening, viewing, thinking	<u>Indirect:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Problem Solving <input type="checkbox"/> Case Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Reading for Meaning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inquiry (Ls. 1, 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Reflective Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Writing to Inform (Ls. 1, 2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concept Formation (Ls. 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Concept Mapping <input type="checkbox"/> Concept Attainment <input type="checkbox"/> Cloze Procedure	<u>Experiential:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Field Trips <input type="checkbox"/> Narratives <input type="checkbox"/> Conducting Experiments <input type="checkbox"/> Simulations <input type="checkbox"/> Games <input type="checkbox"/> Storytelling <input type="checkbox"/> Focused Imaging <input type="checkbox"/> Field Observations <input type="checkbox"/> Role-playing <input type="checkbox"/> Model Building <input type="checkbox"/> Surveys	<u>Independent Study</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Essays <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Assisted Instruction <input type="checkbox"/> Journals <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Logs <input type="checkbox"/> Reports <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Activity Packages <input type="checkbox"/> Correspondence Lessons <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Contracts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homework (Ls. 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Research Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Assigned Questions <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Centers	<u>Interactive Instruction</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Debates <input type="checkbox"/> Role Playing <input type="checkbox"/> Panels <input type="checkbox"/> Brainstorming <input type="checkbox"/> Peer Partner Learning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion (Ls. 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory Groups <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Think, Pair, Share (Ls. 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative Learning <input type="checkbox"/> Jigsaw <input type="checkbox"/> Problem Solving <input type="checkbox"/> Structured Controversy <input type="checkbox"/> Tutorial Groups <input type="checkbox"/> Interviewing <input type="checkbox"/> Conferencing
UNIT RESOURCES: Common Core State Standards (CCSS), accessed May 17, 2013, from http://www.corestandards.org/					